efforts are focused on dissemination of information on investment opportunities in India through road shows, investor meets, publications, etc. The Central Ministries and State Governments are actively involved in investment promotion efforts. Apart from this, investment advisory support is given through online chat facility and e-mail.

(iii) *Investment Facilitation:* The Government has recently embarked upon a six-point strategy to facilitate speedy implementation of FDI projects under the Foreign Investment Implementation Authority (FIIA) framework. This, *inter alia*, includes close interaction with foreign investors at both operational and corporate board level; follow-up with Administrative Ministries and State Governments concerned; involvement of missions abroad in promoting FDI and tracking FDI intends and sector specific approach in removing investment bottlenecks.

(d) FDI inflows have by and large registered a consistent growth since 1991. The policies and related measures, put in place have resulted in FDI inflows amounting to US$ 3.90 billion (excluding ADRs/GDRs and advances pending issue of shares) during the financial year 2001-02, as compared to US $ 2.34 billion in 2000-2001, registering a growth of 66%. This record increase in FDI inflows has taken place at a time when Global FDI flows have declined by over 40 percent in the year 2001.

Cases pending in M.P. High Court and its Benches

*350. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the Madhya Pradesh High Court, Jabalpur and its benches at Indore and Gwalior, Bench-wise;

(b) the number of vacancies of Judges in these benches till date and since how long these are lying vacant;

(c) the steps being taken to increase the strength of Judges and to fill the vacancies; and

(d) by when these are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The pendency of cases as on 1st March, 2003 in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh including its benches is as given below:—

(i) In the main seat at Jabalpur	:	77,255
(ii) In the bench at Indore	:	37,279
(iii) In the bench at Gwalior	:	26,691
TOTAL		1,41,225

(b) Madhya Pradesh High Court has a strength of 24 permanent and 5 Additional Judges. All the Judges in the High Court are in position as on 31.3.03 and there is no vacancy. The deployment of Judges in the Benches is done by the Chief Justice of the High Court. As such, no data is maintained by the Central Government about the vacancies in the benches, including the Indore and Gwalior Benches.

(c) The Government reviews the Judges Strength of High Courts periodically every three years. The increase in the Judge Strength of a High Court is considered only when the average rate of disposal of main cases in the concerned High Court is above the national average.

(d) Does not arise.

Target for export of Tea

*351. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been chalked out to revive the tea industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any target for export of tea has been fixed; and